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Programs in the Field of

Health and Human Services

The Path for Community Care

A pursuit of life and wellness, this sector's programs prepare you to improve the health of your community, one person at a time. Whether you're an experienced professional or just starting out, we can help you find a degree or certificate to match your goals.

With our partners in health care, we developed this series of industry responsive programs. In each course, you'll receive an education grounded in real-world knowledge and experience – all taught by leaders in the sector.

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14%

Growth rate for jobs in the sector.

230,256
Job postings in California alone.

1.9M

New health care jobs to be created in the next decade.

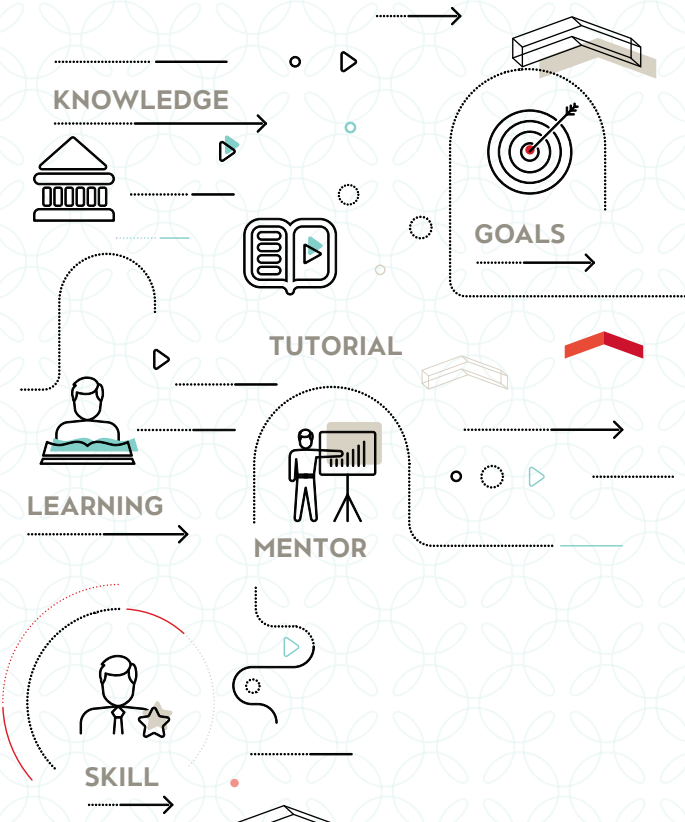
2.21M

Unique job postings in the last year.

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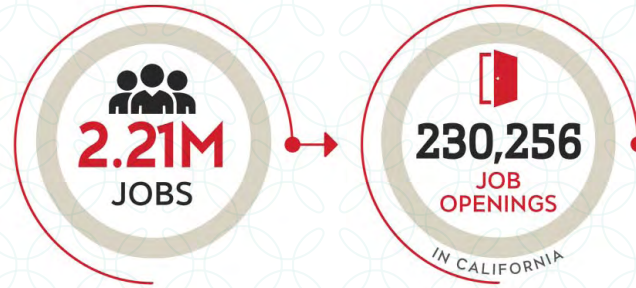
Many major regional companies, such as Kaiser Permanente, Medtronic and Facie Medical Group, continue to recruit our health and human services graduates, accelerating their careers and deepening the university's strong connections to industry.

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Job Outlook

When choosing a program, it's important to know the outcomes of previous students. Whether they went on to successful careers or what jobs they began after graduation – this data can help you plan your future and decide which program is right for you.



Health and Human Services:

There are currently 2.21 million unique postings in the health care and social assistance industry that require a bachelor's (1.83M) or master's (694,928) degree. California has the highest demand for occupations within this industry with 230,256 job postings.

Where Our Alumni Are Today

13,635

Number of alumni working in this sector



Top job titles:

- Registered Nurses
- Physical Therapists
- Speech Language Pathologists
- Behavioral Health Therapists
- Chief Executive Officers (CEO)



Companies they work for:

- Kaiser Permanente
- Cedars-Sinai Medical Center
- Providence Health & Services
- Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
- The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
- Sunbelt Home Health Care Inc
- Dignity Health
- Quest Diagnostics Incorporated

Features to help you advance in your career.



Get ongoing, personal support.

From day one, you'll receive the support of a personal program team. These specialists, in addition to being good listeners, can help you with all administrative matters, freeing you to focus on your course work and your career.



Learn with a community – from start to finish.

When you start a new program, you'll join a learning community of students and faculty. With this group of professionals and industry experts, you'll move toward graduation, building a network along the way and setting the stage for advancement in your field.



Professional programs from a university you can trust.

All of our programs are accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), and many possess field-specific accreditations as well. On professional and licensure exams, our students regularly score as high as or higher than their on-campus counterparts – and, in many fields, we lead the nation in pass rates.



Receive guaranteed tuition.

When you enter one of our programs, you pay the same price from start to finish. No changes, no increases – just the amount you agreed to at the start. By ensuring a fixed price, we give you the peace of mind to continue your studies without changes or disruptions.



Take courses designed and taught by industry experts.

Before a program begins, our professors spend four to six months working with a credentialed instructional designer. During that time, the team works to integrate the instructor's personal teaching style and expertise into every lecture, assignment and learning module.



Learn your field from anywhere, at any time.

Interested in career advancement, but prefer to learn virtually? On our convenient online platform, you can earn your professional experience and credentials without ever leaving the comfort and safety of home. Our online courses feature real-time class sessions, on-demand access to learning materials, and frequent networking opportunities with your peers. Learn more about [CSUN's Approach to Online Programs](#).

Master's Degrees

NURSING: NURSE EDUCATOR

In this master's program, you'll prepare for advanced practice as a nurse educator. In only fifteen months, the program helps you build the sophisticated skills and knowledge to transform health care environments and excel in senior nursing positions. When you finish the program, you'll qualify to sit for the National League of Nursing Education Certification Exam, which certifies you as a Nurse Educator (CNE).

PUBLIC HEALTH: COMMUNITY HEALTH EDUCATION

Never has good public health been a more urgent need. Health care agencies are aggressively recruiting graduates of MPH programs, who can provide timely and credible health information to the public – about everything from pandemics to food programs. This master's degree is ideal if you're interested in a career with the World Health Organization, which requires a post-graduate specialization in a health- or management-related field for its higher-grade positions.

COMMUNICATIVE DISORDERS

This award-winning, online program prepares you to meet entry-level professional requirements for careers assisting both children and adults with a wide range of communication disorders.

APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS

As a behavior analyst, you can help improve the lives of clients and caregivers through effective behavioral interventions. In large cities, many with booming populations, the demand for these experts is high. A degree in the field not only prepares you for the important work of client recovery and improvement, but it also, if you choose CSUN, qualifies you to sit for the Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) examination. Many, upon finishing this degree, continue on to doctoral work in related fields.

SOCIAL WORK

In this program, you'll learn how to improve social services and urban conditions for people and communities in Southern California and across the nation. Delivered fully online, the program provides the skills and knowledge to thrive at all levels of the field – individual, group, and societal – and arranges fieldwork placements for you.

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY AND HUMAN SERVICES

In cities around the country, persons with disabilities rely on assistive technology devices to pursue active, healthy lives. By earning this degree, you can begin a career focused on helping assistive technology users; ensuring compliance with regulations; and creating a more equitable environment for all.

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING

This program prepares you for a career in assistive technology development. In courses with other professionals, you'll learn how to design and develop new assistive technology products, manage projects and teams, identify new uses for existing assistive technologies, and expand your technical abilities.

INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN

Like the corporate sector, health care companies and facilities require sophisticated training for their personnel and the people they serve. With this degree, you can design, implement and assess educational programs, such as online courses, professional development seminars and how-to modules for customers and patients. You can also, thanks to an embedded certificate, develop instructional games and simulations, allowing you to teach through "play."

Bachelor's Degrees

NURSING – Accelerated Program

The Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (A-BSN) is a fast-paced program that prepares you for a career in nursing. Designed for those who already hold a bachelor's degree (in any field), graduates of this 15-month program can take the National Council Licensing Examination (NCLEX) required for licensure as a registered nurse (RN).

LIBERAL STUDIES – Degree Completion Program

In a more complex world, health care professionals will need an increasingly diverse set of skills to prosper. With this degree, you can apply a range of perspectives – from business to philosophy – to the difficult problems of the 21st century. Upon graduating, in addition to a grounding in many academic subjects, you'll have an increased understanding of global dynamics, multicultural relations, innovative thinking, leadership and more.

Certificates

PERIOPERATIVE NURSING

This short-term certificate program prepares you for a career in perioperative (OR) nursing. Designed for working nurses, the program's curriculum is based on the field's highest standards and features twelve hours of weekly clinical practice. In a single, eight-week course, you'll receive the advanced preparation needed to begin a career in any aspect of the field: pre-operative, operative or post-operative. When you finish the program, you'll have much of the preparation needed to sit for the Certified Perioperative Credential (CNOR) exam.

SPEECH LANGUAGE ASSISTANT FIELD EXPERIENCE

This program is for those with a bachelor's degree in Speech-Language Pathology/Communication Disorders and Sciences who wish to become licensed Speech-Language Pathology Assistants (SLPAs), regardless of whether they intend to pursue a master's degree.

ADVANCED STUDIES IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

This two-year online program satisfies the course work requirements for admission to any master's-level communicative disorders program in the U.S.

RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY: CT/MRI

CSUN offers certificates of advanced professional development in computed tomography (CT) and Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), with all course work offered online, except for required clinical placement. The program enables working radiologic technologists to qualify to sit in both CT and MRI advanced imaging certification in only one year.

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY APPLICATIONS

This program helps you develop the tools and techniques to accommodate and care for users of assistive technologies in a variety of settings. An excellent option if you're interested in increasing accessibility in the workplace or other environments, including online.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

This one-year program provides a foundation in business education for those with an undergraduate degree in fields other than business, and it also serves as an entrée into the CSUN Nazarian MBA for those who wish to pursue that path.

LEADERSHIP IN THE AGE OF DISRUPTION

This program helps senior engineering and technical professionals view emerging issues through a new lens. As the sector takes on new platforms and methods, a new, more adaptive leadership must arise to address the changing trends. By taking this certificate, you'll know how to implement innovation, respond to disruptions and lead in uncertain times.

Access to University Courses

OPEN UNIVERSITY

Interested in a single course? With Open University, you can take CSUN courses without enrolling in a program – the perfect way to explore your passion.

WINTER TERM AND SUMMER SESSION

These accelerated-format university courses can help you learn a new topic, build professional skills, or prepare for future study.

Contracted Programs

CSUN develops a wide range of educational and professional development programs at the undergraduate, graduate and post-graduate levels. Often shorter in duration, these programs include everything from business, communications and the sciences, to engineering, humanities and the arts. If you have a program in mind, [we're prepared to help you build it](#), no matter how technical or specific the content.

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